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## Victory for the People

THE battle for the civil and political rights of the people of Bernalillo county, in which the Morning Journal fired the first gun nearly three years ago, has been fought and won. The public enemy has been defeated. He has been routed, horse and foot, and his forces are left in hopeless demoralization. Those persons, in town and country, who for years bore unwillingly the Hubbell yoke and submitted to the Hubbell despotism through fear of being "chucked in their assessments" or otherwise punished for disobedience, now kick the dead lion as they pass him by, and treat the orders of the once all-powerful boss with scorn and derision.

The proceedings now being had before the court, no matter how they may end eventually, cannot have any material effect upon the main object for which the people have been struggling. They are merely the aftermath, like the cutting off of a few limbs or the sewing up of a few saber cuts on the field after the engagement. The victory was won before the work of the surgeons commenced, and the people of the county have been emancipated from the nefarious Hubbell despotism and Tom Hubbell's remaining in jail for a week or for the rest of his natural life could have no effect on the final result. The Hubbell reign is ended. The squabbling and quarreling among the lawyers over the questions of jurisdiction and the "transmigration" of judges, may go on indefinitely, but all that does not affect the main point. The deciding of such questions one way or the other may be to the advantage or disadvantage of certain individuals, but can have no possible bearing upon the all important matter for which the people have been contending. The Hubbell gang is dead—no dead that Gabriel's trumpet couldn't resurrect it—and the efforts of its attorneys to obstruct the course of justice and defeat the will of the people, cannot do the gang any good, but will serve to warn the public against any relaxation of vigilance in the matter.

## A Healthy City

WE HAVE already mentioned the fact that the report of the New York city board of health shows a remarkable improvement in the public health for the first six months of the present year as compared with the like period in 1904. Now comes the chairman of the board and attributes the low rate of mortality to extension of the systems of food inspection and sanitary precautions. Millions of pounds of produce of one kind or another was condemned and destroyed during the period mentioned, which, if distributed among consumers, would undoubtedly have been the cause of many deaths. In the matter of contagious diseases very great gain is shown, only 17,456 having been recorded, against 29,114 during the corresponding six months in 1904. Special conditions of weather, etc., may have been responsible for some of this remarkable falling off. It is fair to assume, however, that most of it resulted from the care exercised in isolating infected patients and in examining and providing for the treatment of children in the public schools.

Nothing is more surely indicative of progressive civilization than the effective enforcement of regulations that promote health.

IF the editor of the Santa Fe New Mexican doesn't desist from abusing the president of the joint stockholders league we'll go over to Judge Mann's court and get a writ of prohibition. That'll cinch him.

## A Battle Royal

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT intends to make the fight of his life to secure the passage of an act this winter to provide for railroad rate making by the government, and the preparation that is being made by the railroads to resist the passage of such an act shows plainly that he is going to meet a foe man worthy of his steel.

Railroad lawyers are numerous throughout the country, and, it is well known, represent the first order of professional equipment. All are primed for the approaching contest and as the meeting day of congress approaches these big guns will begin to boom. The railroads, there is good reason for believing, do not underrate the strength of the opposition. They know the president's attitude and also the popular sentiment that supports it, and are preparing for the tussle of their lives. In the house, no less than in the senate, they are going to make a stand, not to defeat all legislation, but to confine it, if possible, to the narrowest limits.

They have also had other agencies at work since March last. A literary bureau, composed of writers of ability, has been in full blast, and articles prepared with care, and carrying not too much technical and statistical matter, have found space and many readers in many directions. The people have been adjured to move with caution in this business, and warned that a single false legislative step might cause widespread financial embarrassment, and even throw the country on the verge of the socialistic phase of the whole question of railroad properties. What has been accomplished in this way remains to be seen, but the conception was a clever one and has been industriously executed.

Much curiosity prevails, says the Washington Star, as to how the president will state his case to congress. While there is no expectation of a change of front on his part as to the general proposition, there is a belief that he has given the problem considerable attention since last winter, and discussed it with men from whom he has derived much additional and valuable information. What form this will take in his message it would be idle to attempt to forecast.

GENERAL GOMEZ, the candidate of the liberals for president of Cuba, has sailed from Havana for New York with the object, it is said, of laying his case in some form before President Roosevelt. His complaint is that the moderates, with President Palma at their head and directing the maneuvers, are making a farce of free government, that honest folk are unable to secure justice, either in politics or the courts, and that it is the duty of the United States under the Platt amendment to exert its power in behalf of law and order.

IT IS somewhat of general interest that Henry Gossaway Davis, last year's democratic candidate for vice president, is in fine physical condition. He was lately seen at the Fifth Avenue hotel in New York City, busy with his large business enterprises. The reporters record that "Mr. Davis is now nearing his 52d year, but his eye is brighter, his frame more erect and his voice more resounding than with many men half his years."

AN English battleship to displace 15,000 tons has just been laid down, and is designed to carry a main battery of twelve 12-inch guns. What this means is best understood by comparison with the largest battleships now afloat, which displace approximately 16,000 tons and carry only four 12-inch guns.

## SHOULD COST LESS TO LIVE

There is hope ahead for the housekeeper, according to Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, who returned to Washington a few days ago from a trip through the middle west. As a result of the normal conditions prevailing in the great grain growing section for the first time in three years, Mr. Wilson thinks that meat, dairy products, poultry and other necessities of life may be cheaper this winter than they have been for some time.

Whether or not this may prove to be the case, the secretary is certain that the farmer at least will be benefited by the return to normal agricultural conditions in the region mentioned. Fattening cattle on corn at 50 cents a bushel is not a profitable enterprise, the secretary said, and that is what has been done the past three years.

Secretary Wilson thinks the relief for the housekeeper will come from the enormous yields of small grain and corn in the great grain territory of Illinois, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. "Heavy crops," the secretary says, "have resulted in the return of normal agricultural conditions in the great producing states. The most producers have been losing money for the past three years. Grain costs too much. There was no profit in feeding, strange as it may seem to people who pay such prices as we do for our meat."

But the heavy grass crop of this year, in addition to the heavy corn crop and the heavy oats crop, will all combine to bring about normal feeding conditions. And this means a direct influence on horses, beef, pork, dairy products and poultry.

"Prices should not average as high for these articles in the future, and any rate the farmer will make more money because he has more and cheaper raw materials to use. Corn has been selling in the corn producing states most of the time spoken of at 50 cents a bushel. The farmer and producer depend on corn and other grains, and beef cannot be produced profitably on a farm when such prices must be paid for feed."

Restoring Fertility in Bible Lands. The Tour du Monde de Paris, recently devoted an exhaustive article to the plan of M. Wilcocks, the well known engineer, for the irrigation of Mesopotamia. According to M. Wilcocks, the country between the Tigris and Euphrates may be made by irrigation as fertile as Egypt. In a recent statement on the subject the engineer remarks that the sum of \$50,000,000 would be sufficient to develop along the Tigris more than 1,000,000 acres of land now a desert. The revenue from the land reclaimed would be \$40 per acre per year, and, estimating that one-half of this sum would be spent in maintenance he would still have \$20,000,000 per year as net revenue. M. Wilcocks then devotes his attention to the country between Baghdad and Babylon, believing that here 1,200,000 acres to be opened up for the sum of \$45,000,000. The total cost of the two undertakings may be estimated at about \$100,000,000 which would develop 2,200,000 acres and have an enormous yearly return. At the same time the problem of navigation on the Tigris and Euphrates may be settled, and this without any additional expenditure.

The navigation of the Euphrates at present amounts to nothing, and is performed solely by a few rafts. There is, however, a general agreement to the effect that the river may be made navigable to Mesopotamia, forty miles to the southwest of Baghdad. The Tigris is navigable to Diarbekr also, by means of rafts; these rafts are of the same type today that were in use in the time of Nineveh, 3,000 years ago. The regular course of the river navigation is from Diarbekr to Mosul, and from Mosul to Baghdad, the distance between Diarbekr and Mosul being about 400 miles. In the spring the trip is made by rafts in four days, but when the water is low the trip takes three weeks. From Baghdad to Basorah the navigation of the river is now performed by steamboats. The distance being about 500 miles, M. Wilcocks proposes to make the Euphrates navigable to Birejik, the Tigris to Diarbekr and then to unite the two rivers by numerous canals. In this way the navigation and irrigation questions will be settled at one and the same time.

Artificial Production of Stupidity. Any dearth of ability from which the civilized world may be suffering, says Sir J. Crotherton, is to be ascribed not so much to the inferiority of the cultivated classes as to the artificial production of stupidity in various ways, and to the incessant draining from the country, which is the 40 and proper breeding place and rearing ground of intellect, of the best elements of the people, to be swallowed up or deteriorated in the big towns.

The idea that the agricultural laborer is set apart from his followers by dullness of intellect is as untenable as the belief that the city dweller is clever and better endowed mentally than the little yokel. The rule seems to be that the mental development of children is hastened by city life, but soon stops short. Up till 12 or 14 years of age they are precocious, and then come to a standstill. City life, in fact, is bad for children, involving as it does early and constant intellectual exertion, superficiality of knowledge, insufficient rest, and the want of soothing influences which the country affords. At its worst, with tight squealing in small tenements, poor food, foul air, constant contact with vice and manifold temptations, it is drying up the reservoirs of strength in the population and leaving an immense proletariat of inferior quality.

Case for Remorse. A western lawyer recounts a story of a trial he once witnessed in a Texas court. A hard looking tough was the defendant. His counsel, it is to be remembered, was a young fellow, apparently husky with emotion, addressed the jury something in this wise:

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